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METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING ANASTOMOTIC CONNECTIONS
LARGER THAN THE GRAFT CONDUIT

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on March 29, 2004 as
Application No. 10/813,447.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application.

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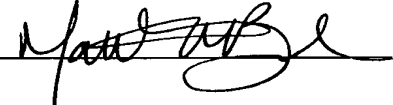
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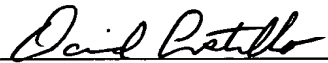
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